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MEETINGS, 21 AND 23 FEBRUARY 1978

1. SUMMARY: TECHNICAL WORKING SUB-GROUP ON RIGHTS AND
FUNCTIONS FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION (OSI) MET 21 AND 23
FEBRUARY. SOFRONOV (USSR) REACTED TO US DEL ILLUSTRATIVE
LANGUAGE ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS BY SAYING THAT
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED FIRST ON THE BASIS FOR RE-
QUESTING OSI. THEN, AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON
OBJECTIVES FOR OSI AND US SHOULD JUSTIFY RIGHTS AND
FUNCTIONS IN TERMS OF THESE OBJECTIVES. HECKROTTE (US)
RESPONDED THAT EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARA 11 OF US
ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL OSIS
AND EXPLAINED FLEXIBILITY INHERENT IN TWO-TIER APPROACH.
SOFRONOV SEEMED TO ACCEPT TWO-TIER APPROACH, BUT ARGUED
THAT EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN OSIS SHOULD BE DECIDED ON
AN AD HOC BASIS. END SUMMARY

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2. SOFRONOV GAVE GENERAL REACTION TO US DEL ILLUSTRATIVE
LANGUAGE ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AT MEETINGS OF SUB-
GROUP ON 21 AND 23 FEBRUARY. HE SAID THAT QUESTION OF
WHAT TYPE OF EVENT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR OSI SHOULD BE
RESOLVED SO THAT IT WOULD BE CLEAR WHAT COULD BE INSPECTED.
FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE AGREED WHAT THE OBJECTIVES OF
INSPECTION WERE AND WHAT MANIFESTATIONS OF NUCLEAR EX-

PLOSIONS OR EARTHQUAKES SHOULD BE LOOKED FOR. SOFRONOV
CONTENDED THAT THESE MATTERS SHOULD BE AGREED BEFORE THE
RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF OBSERVERS COULD BE DEFINED.
FINALLY, SOFRONOV ASKED THAT WE FILL IN BLANKS IN
ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE ON TIMING, DURATION OF INSPECTION,
AND NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, AND INDICATE HOW LARGE AN AREA
WAS ENVISAGED FOR INSPECTION.

3. HECKROTTE EXPLAINED FLEXIBILITY INHERENT IN TWO-TRACK
APPROACH. FIRST TIER EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 11
OF US DEL ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR
ANY ON-SITE INSPECTION. OBJECTIVES OF ON-SITE INSPECTION
WERE CLEAR AND SELF-EVIDENT -- TO SEARCH FOR ANY EVIDENCE
WHICH COULD INDICATE WHETHER AN AMBIGUOUS EVENT WAS OF
NATURAL ORIGIN OR NOT.

4. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, SOFRONOV CONTINUED TO RETURN TO
HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE OF EARTHQUAKE WHICH DESTROYED CITY,
SAYING THAT IN SUCH A CASE INSPECTORS WOULD NOT NEED ANY
EQUIPMENT. HECKROTTE POINTED OUT THAT OSI WOULD NOT BE
NECESSARY TO SHOW THAT AN EVENT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE WHEN
THIS WAS ALREADY KNOWN. SOFRONOV SUGGESTED THAT IT BE
AGREED THAT OSI WAS UNNECESSARY IN ANY POPULATED AREA.
SOFRONOV ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ELABORATION OF RIGHTS AND
FUNCTIONS COULD BE LEFT FOR JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.
LATER HE APPEARED TO AGREE WITH TWO-TIER APPROACH, BUT
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CONTENDED THAT NO EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE
FIRST TIER. WHEN PRESSED BY HECKROTTE, SOFRONOV AGREED
THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO LOOK FOR RADIOACTIVITY
DURING AN OSI. WARNKE

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